

## FEAR WATER FAMINE

District Officials Say City Supply Is Inadequate.

## ONE CONDUIT NOT ENOUGH

Pestilence Would Follow Stopping of Present Supply Within Four Days, Declares McFarland-Drinking Supply Would Be Worth Its Weight in Gold—To Prod Congress.

"That a water famine threatens the citizens of Washington, a famine in whose wake would follow pestilence and death, to say the least of the probable horrors of a great fire, is a fact not generally recognized, but known only too well to the officials of the water department," said W. A. McFarland, superintendent of the District Water Department, yesterday.

"For years," he continued, "we have been endeavoring to obtain from Congress a sufficient appropriation to prevent the possibility of such a disaster.

"The water supply of the city depends upon a single conduit, built in 1854. Should it meet with an accident, resulting in a cessation of its operations, Washington would, within four days, be without a drop of water. Then would ensue a period of suffering, the like of which no city in the United States has as yet known. Drinking water would be worth its weight in gold, and its use for the ordinary purposes of life, such as bathing, would be out of the question.

"Added to this is the possibility of a fire, in which case the Capital City would be reduced to ashes, as the fire department would be absolutely helpless."

Superintendent McFarland has for years made it his business to endeavor to impress upon Congress, through the Commissioners, the necessity of an appropriation for an additional conduit.

Mackenzie Also.

This view is taken also by Brig. Gen. Mackenzie, chief of engineers of the United States army, who has the supervision of the Washington Aqueduct. In his estimates required for the service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1908, recently submitted to the Commissioners, he again called attention to the necessity of providing in the near future, a second conduit from Great Falls, with the necessary reservoirs, and submitted an estimate of \$10,000 for preliminary investigations and surveys for increasing the water supply.

"The importance of such a conduit cannot be over-estimated," said Superintendent McFarland yesterday. "Should an accident befall the only conduit now in operation, within ninety-six hours, Washington would be faced with the most serious problem a municipality has ever had to encounter.

"The reserve in the reservoirs, amounting to 30,000,000 gallons, would be exhausted in less than four days, and a part of that would be unfit for drinking purposes and for ordinary uses of life could not be thought of, and added to this is the possibility of a fire and a repetition of the Baltimore and San Francisco disasters. Should the city be so fortunate to escape a conflagration, however, nothing could prevent the pestilence which would be sure to follow the stoppage of the sewers.

Would Send Family Away.

"As far as I am personally concerned, and having had some years experience, I am familiar with the situation, I would, in the event of a serious accident to the conduit, place my family on the first train leaving the city, no matter what its destination.

"Not only may a water famine result from an accident to the conduit, but it is endangered by a prolonged cold spell and the consequent waste of water by the householders leaving their taps running to prevent the freezing of the fixtures. The present rate of daily consumption of water in the District is about 65,000,000 gallons a day. Several years ago, during a period of such weather, the daily consumption of water averaged for a time over 100,000,000 gallons, and some residences were only avoided by a change in the weather. It is to prevent waste of this kind that we are installing water meters. If the citizens of Washington realized the necessity of such precautionary measures there would be no objections on their part.

Appropriation Needed.

"I hope that this year the matter may again be brought so forcibly to the attention of the Appropriation Committee as to result in the making of an appropriation for this preliminary work.

"Upon a rough estimate, \$3,000,000 will be required to construct the conduit, and it would probably take three years to finish the work. The resulting good to such additions to the water supply of the District cannot be over-estimated."

Commissioner McFarland said yesterday that he will strongly recommend to Congress at the coming session the appropriation of the amount necessary for the preliminary survey.

"It is," said he, "exactly what the commissioners have been urging for some years past, and the importance of additional water facilities is emphasized each year by the growth of the city. Under present conditions, serious results would follow the cessation of operations of the single conduit upon which the city now depends, and the Commissioners will use their utmost endeavors in presenting to Congress the grave probabilities that now confront us."

JAP POACHERS' FINES PAID.

Seven of Ten Men Imprisoned at Valdez, Alaska, Liberated.

The Department of Justice announced yesterday that seven of the Japanese seal poachers who were recently convicted at Valdez, Alaska, have paid their fines and were yesterday sent to Unalakleet, where they were allowed to sail on their schooner, the Nitto.

Three members of the crew of the Nitto, another poaching vessel, are still in jail.

Two Japanese seal-poaching schooners were brought into Unalakleet and their officers and crews tried at Valdez some two months ago. Ten of the boats were placed under guard, and the sealers within the American three-mile limit were convicted. They were sentenced to fines ranging from \$500 for the captain of the Nitto to \$200. Under the Alaska code, an unpaid fine means a day of imprisonment for every \$2 of the fine, so that the captain of the Nitto would serve about eight months.

Two Runaway Boys Arrested.

Henry Baird, aged fifteen, and Frank Tenenbald, aged fourteen, were found wandering about the streets by Policeman Randolph of the Sixth precinct station, last night, and were placed under arrest as being fugitives from their parents. Both of the boys said that they had run away from their homes several days ago. They were sent to the house of detention and their parents notified of their arrest.

October 8, 1907. Remember the date.

## BOAT BUILDERS' CLAIMS HEARD

Rival Makers of Submarine Craft Seek Government Contract.

The final hearing in the submarine torpedo boat controversy, which has been pending for more than a year, was held yesterday by Secretary of the Navy Mitchell. The hearing began at 8 o'clock in the morning. Secretary Mitchell, having formed the early rising habit, got the boat builders out of bed at dawn and forced them to appear before they had breakfast.

The claims of the Electric Boat Company, of New York, the builders of the Octopus, which was the successful boat at the Newport tests, and recommended by the submarine board and the board on construction as the superior type, was represented by Elihu Frost, Lawrence Y. Spear, former Rear Admiral Bowles, now president of the Fore River Shipbuilding Company, and C. S. McNeil. The Lake Torpedo Boat Company, of Bridgeport, Conn., was represented by Simon Lake, the inventor of the Lake type of boat, and by ex-Senator Thurston.

Secretary Mitchell will announce a decision in the matter later this week, and make the final award.

## COLLINS CANNOT WIELD LASH.

Alleged Wife-beater Will Not Receive Forty Lashes from Marshal.

His wife failing to appear against him, the charge of wife-beating, upon which Eugene Jenkins, of Cloppers, was arrested recently by Marshal Collins, of Glen Echo, was dismissed yesterday by John H. Reading, justice of the peace of Rockville.

Marshal Collins had much difficulty in getting Jenkins, accomplished, a night's visit to the exchange of shots. An old statute in Maryland makes wife-beating punishable by the infliction of forty lashes.

The Jenkins episode is the third of its kind, the marshal having been summoned from his bed on two former occasions to arrest an alleged wife-beater. The faithful wives have, however, failed to appear against their husbands, and Collins regards his efforts in their behalf as wasted.

## STRAW HAT SEASON YET ON

All a Mistake About September 15, Says Pro Bono Publico.

And the Weather Man Backs Him Up with the Promise of More Scorching Days.

"Who's responsible for that edict about straw hats, anyway?" queries Pro Bono Publico.

"Do heavy-weight felts and derbys go with the buoyancy of the mercury, huh? Well, I guess not. Was it hot yesterday? Oh, my, yes," September 17: Maximum temperature down town, 94°. What day—, who that—, What's that about straw hats?"

Leaving aside the straw hat gossip, the weather hereabouts is unusual for this time of year. While it generally stays from warm to moderate until well along in October, there are but few previous records when the thermometer registered 94° on September 17. The Weather Bureau records only show a maximum of 88, but the thermometer there is far away from the heat and closeness of the city streets.

The humidity at 8 o'clock yesterday morning was 82, in a maximum of 100. This maximum means that when 100 degrees is reached it is rain.

Worse still, Prof. Frankfield, official forecaster, says there is no relief in sight, at least for the next two days. It may be a little cooler to-day, but not much. The weather will continue fair, and a change is not expected; that is, Mr. Frankfield says so.

Conditions are pretty much the same throughout the United States. The temperatures are unusually high and there is a minimum amount of rainfall.

September 17, last year, the maximum temperature was 75, about the seasonal average. There was a light frost the latter part of the month and a normal, heavy frost in the middle of October.

## STARTLED BY FALLING METEOR

Remarkable Experience of Washington Party on Lake Champlain.

John H. Magruder, the well-known Connecticut avenue merchant, who has returned from his summer home at Burlington, Vt., tells of a remarkable happening on the night of August 18 last, which apparently escaped the attention of scientists and the metropolitan press.

Members of Mr. Magruder's family had gone out on Lake Champlain in a sailboat, and, becoming becalmed, the temperatures were delayed for hours. The sky was cloudless and the night peaceful. Mr. Magruder felt no special uneasiness, but, nevertheless, awaited with some anxiety the home-coming of the pleasure party. Just after the clock struck three in the morning he was startled by a thunderous noise, resembling a heavy cannonading, which shook the house and seemed to last for several seconds. Going to the door in alarm, and looking about, he could discover no sign of the disturbance.

At this juncture the sail-boat party came from the landing, greatly frightened, and told excitedly of an illumination of the heavens, preceding the thunder, at the time when the family were sleeping in their beds. The boat was nearing the shore, when suddenly the cloudless sky became ablaze and moving fire seemed about to descend upon the party. Then it disappeared, followed by a deafening roar. Such a phenomena none of them had ever witnessed or encountered before, and the experience was such as never to be forgotten.

Mr. Magruder sought in vain for an explanation of it subsequently, but the press contained no reference to any unusual happening, and he and all his householders continued to be puzzled until a week later, when a local paper at Bristol, some twenty-five miles away, briefly told of a meteor having fallen in that vicinity on the night in question. The paper was passing notice the strange event received no attention.

## Object to Freight Rates.

Alleged unjust and unreasonable rates on shipments of wire coat hangers between points in the Middle West forms the basis of a complaint filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission yesterday. The complainant is the Forest City Freight Bureau, which names as defendants fifty-nine railroads operating in the West.

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## RAP AT OUR MAIDS

Western Beauties Call Capital Girls "Store-made."

## FIGURES NOT REAL, THEY ADD

Moreover, They Have a "Vacuous Stare" and an "Enamel Laugh." But How in the World They Fool the Poor, Dear Men, Is More Than They Ever Expect to Know.

To approach twenty-five young women is no joke for a mere man at any time, particularly if he is alone, but the very thought of being confronted by twenty-five Western beauties, who ride and shoot and are many miles from the sobering influences of home, is almost too much to ask, even of a newspaper reporter.

There doesn't seem to be much difference between girls from Washington State and Washington City to the untutored masculine observer, but several of the Western girls, with subtle criticism, consented to analyze the line of demarcation and to point out with no uncertain emphasis the glaring and unattractive features of Washington femininity.

Miss Irma Dunford, a statuesque brunette hailing from Benton County, and Miss Grace Crooks, likewise of Benton, but of distinctly blond type, vied with each other in their keen flings at the "pomp, stateliness, and vacant expression" of the feminine parade which was passing the Ebbitt House on its way down F street and back, and down again.

Real Girls and Near-girls.

"The main difference that I see between our Western girls and your boasted beauties of the effete East," said Miss Dunford, "is that when you see our girls you see our girls, but when you see a Washington girl you really can't be so sure."

"They are drug store ladies," added Miss Crooks.

"Drug store ladies?" asked the reporter. "That is somewhat vague and carries no very distinct meaning."

"It means, if you must have the delicate expression, that they all paint and powder and use heaven knows what modern inventions to improve their appearance," answered Miss Dunford. "They are all gotten up, made up," elucidated Miss Crooks.

"They are not even artistically made up," came from the first Western girl.

## Foolish, Foolish Man!

"They are frights, and I don't see how the men can be fooled so," the second Western voice remarked.

"It all seems to be almost perilously ill with you, and they seem to suffer as they walk; they are painfully blasé," Miss Dunford continued.

"They have a vacuous stare and an enamel laugh; they are artificial, and you would think that they were always on the stage. They do not seem to have a natural motion. They wouldn't last a minute with the people of the West," Miss Crooks epitomized.

And then both girls realized that they were talking for publication, and asked that they be allowed to go and write some complimentary things about the local beauties, but the reporter was obdurate, and the girls finally asked that the fact be emphasized that they were not speaking through envy. And they blushed, naturally, of course, displaying to best advantage their unhome-made complexions.

## Figures Like Lady Contortionists.

"How about the figures?" the reporter finally asked, knowing that he was treading on dangerous ground. But the girls came back strong, and talked both at once, and the gist of their observations was:

"The figures are certainly snug and nice. That is, some of them; but there are others who, if they were seen on the streets of our Western towns, would be taken for lady contortionists. We have no such things as serpentine waists or three-inch waists. And yet, with all the exercise we get, we Western girls ought to have good figures. We have, too, but they can't appear in the same street with the figures of your Eastern girls, for most of them are the most symmetrical I have ever seen."

"But I'll let you into a secret about them. They are changeable, and carefully planned. Dreamers are compelled to burn midnight oil over them. The Washington girls, as a class—that is, the ones I have seen on F street, and at night after the theaters—are painted and padded; but they know how to do it, and they really make them beautiful. They are the best-dressed, women I have ever seen, but I can't like them. They are cold, unapproachable, and look as conceited as actresses."

## The Poor, Dear Men.

"The men are all good, hard-working looking souls, oppressed and bent over. There are few big men, and most of those that look big are afflicted with the same pains as the women. Why, I have seen ten with corsets on, and I suppose in the height of the season one could see fifty a day. Those that I've asked to be nice enough, but they are the big, brave fellows that we grow in our country."

"Outside of the men and women, the city is all right, isn't it?" the reporter asked, afraid that several other misadventures would be charged to the Capital.

"Oh, yes; the public buildings are just lovely."

The girls are in Washington on a newspaper trip from Washington, as the guests of a leading farm paper of the Pacific States, the proprietor of the paper, who is making his second such trip. Each girl is firm in the conviction that her own county of her own State is the garden spot of the universe, and though they all admire the things they have seen, they are loyal to Washington State.

## Machinists to Raise Big Strike Fund.

Word has been received at International headquarters in this city to the effect that the International Association of Machinists, at present in session in annual convention, adopted a resolution providing that each member of the association lay aside one day's pay each year to go into a general strike benefit and emergency fund. This movement was endorsed by the officers and by the local delegation. It is figured that in a few years the fund will run into the millions.

## Firewater Lands Indian in Cell.

Black Hawk, a full-blooded Sioux Indian from the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota, spent the night in one of the cells of the First precinct police station last night. Black Hawk is a "big Injun," and has a great liking for "firewater." Yesterday afternoon he started on a tour of the city dispensaries, and along toward evening had much trouble in navigating. The difficulty he was under and piloted him to the station-house.

School Books, New and Second-hand. Lowmiller & Co., 1425 F st. Open ev'g'g.

## GAELIC SCHOOL RESUMES.

Dr. Jeffrey C. O'Connell Discourses on Antiquity of the Language.

Study of the Gaelic language, which was inaugurated here last winter by prominent Irish-Americans, was revived for the coming season when the Gaelic school resumed its studies at the Carroll Institute Hall last evening. Speeches and recitations in Irish prose and poetry were made by James Flynn, president of the school, and by Dr. Jeffrey C. O'Connell, who recited the antiquity and importance of the Gaelic tongue.

Dr. O'Connell said that it was one of the most ancient and honored of the Aryan group of languages, and in this connection that the language of a country marked its standing among other nations; that a country that had lost its tongue had lost its nationality.

## TALKS TO STRIKING MASONS.

Grand President Evans Congratulates Men on the Stand Taken.

Grand President Joseph Evans, of the Stone Masons' International Union, came to the city yesterday in connection with the local building trades strike. Last night he delivered an address at the meeting of the Building Trades' Mechanics' Council, congratulating the men on their stand and the success that had attended them.

President Evans was but recently elected, and this was his first trip on the road. He will leave for New York to-day, but will return to this city at the end of the week and will remain until the fight is over, when he will go to his home in Denver, Colo.

It was announced by the grievance committee that the nonunion workmen employed on the apartment house at First and B streets northwest, and on the Bliss residence, 1023 Sixteenth street northwest, had been withdrawn, and that union men had been put in their places, and that several big contracts recently awarded by the government and by private builders had been given to "fair trade." A resolution in the form of a reply to the claim of Secretary Hall, of the Employers' Association, that nonunion men were competent, was adopted. Mr. Hall's published statement was branded as false.

## GRANK VISITS SAGAMORE HILL

Wants President to Make Rockefeller Pay Him \$10,000,000.

Secret Service Men Give Him Bogue Letter and Ship Him Back to New York.

Oyster Bay, Sept. 17.—Secret Service Officer Washburn was on duty in front of President Roosevelt's home at Sagamore Hill at 7 o'clock when he saw a man dressed in overalls and wearing a slouch hat step around from the rear of the house. Washburn didn't say anything at first, because he thought the man might be employed on the farm, but when he went up on the porch and started to ring the doorbell, Washburn asked him what he wanted.

"I want to see the President, to get him to make John D. Rockefeller pay me \$10,000,000 he owes me," the man said. "I know that's the only way I'll ever get the money."

Washburn asked the man about himself, and the visitor in the overalls said he was Orlando Toland, and had come all the way from Oxford, Ala., to see the President. He said he beat his way on freight trains to Washington, and when he found the President's home he stole a ride to New York. He walked all the way out to Oyster Bay, he said.

Washburn sent a hurry call to the Oyster Bay garage for one of the government automobiles, and the man was rushed down to the Executive Offices. There secret service men who knew Alabama, questioned him, and were convinced that he was telling the truth.

Before it was decided what to do with Toland, the secret service men routed out of bed Constable Charles Townsend with the idea of holding him in the lockup. When Toland talked with the man a little more they decided that he was harmless, gave him what he thought was a letter to Rockefeller ordering him to pay Toland what he owed him on sight, and then sent him to New York on the ten o'clock train.

Toland told the officers that Rockefeller offered him \$50,000,000 if he would find out who murdered a certain woman in St. Paul. He said he didn't discover the murderer, but thought his work on the case was worth at least \$10,000,000.

## MANY THEFTS REPORTED.

Five Persons Notify Police of Stolen Articles.

Daniel Brewer, of 121 L street northwest, reported to the police last night that yesterday afternoon some one stole \$23 in bills, a diamond ring, and several valuable papers from his coat, which he left in a closet on the eighth floor of the Interstate Commerce Commission building, where he is employed.

A report of similar nature was received from George Murray, of 1404 C street southeast, who said that he had had a watch stolen from a pocket of his coat while at a barroom near the corner of First and M streets yesterday afternoon. William F. Leatow, of 424 East Capitol street, informed the police that while trying to make her way through a crowded car at Seventh street and Pennsylvania avenue on Saturday afternoon, his wife had been robbed of a gold watch, set with several small diamonds, and a ring.

The theft of watch from the pocket of his coat Monday night was reported by John Hotham, of 1529 Wisconsin avenue. Milton Bear, of 2104 M street northwest, reported that he had sent a young colored man to a jewelry store at 919 F street yesterday afternoon with two diamond rings to have the stones re-set. He said that he placed the rings in an envelope, but that when the man arrived at the store the paper was empty. He was unable to say whether the jewelry had been lost or stolen, and asked the police for assistance in the matter.

## Druggist Loses Stamps Worth \$60.

John H. Galloway, a druggist, of Seventh and L streets northwest, reported to the police last night that he had lost a package containing 2,500 2-cent stamps and 200 5-cent stamps while en route from his post-office to his place of business yesterday afternoon.

George Jones, fourteen years of age, of 127 Ninth street southwest, while riding a bicycle on F street yesterday afternoon, was struck and knocked over by an automobile, said to have been operated by J. M. Stoddard, of Twenty-second and O streets. He received a slight injury to his knee, but refused hospital treatment.

In reply to several inquiries as to why the work of resurfacing Pennsylvania avenue between Eleventh and Twelfth streets does not extend to the curb in front of the post-office, C. B. Hunt, engineer of highways, said yesterday that the later section of D street and Pennsylvania avenue at that point was re-surfaced several years ago, and is regarded as practically new.

## TO EXAMINE BRIDGE ENGINEER

Quebec Commission May Go to New York—One More Body Found.

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 17.—The Dominion commission that is investigating the Quebec bridge disaster is to go to New York City, it is said, to examine Theodore Cooper, the engineer. The body of Harry Briggs of New York, one of the victims of the collapsed bridge, has just been found in a fishery fifteen miles below the bridge.

## JEW FAST AND PRAY

Day of Atonement Being Observed the World Over.

## SERVICE IN LOCAL TEMPLES

Lamentations Begun in All Synagogues Last Night Will Be Continued Until Sunset This Evening.

The Sukkoth or Feast of Booths to Be Celebrated Next Sunday.

Jews of the reformed as well as of the orthodox persuasion in all parts of the world observe Atonement Day to-day. In fact, the services in commemoration of the day began in the various synagogues last night at 6:30 o'clock and will continue until sundown to-day.

Rev. Dr. Simon, junior rabbi of the Eighth Street Temple, delivered the sermon last night and will officiate at to-day's services. Rabbi Dr. Hummel, of Baltimore, chanted services at the Ad-dah Israel Synagogue last night and will continue the lamentations and prayers to-day.

## Gifts of Candelabra.

Two solid brass candelabra, each ten feet, the gift to the synagogue of Simon and Gustav Oppenheimer in memory of Manassah and Hannah Oppenheimer, have been erected at either side of the reading desk, adding greatly to the artistic ensemble of this beautiful new temple.

Leaded stained glass windows have been donated by Rebecca Lodge, the Ladies' Auxiliary, Deborah Lodge, Council of Jewish Women, Friendship Circle, No. 1, C. O. F., and two windows in memory of Joseph Bildman, one in memory of Leopold Gassenheimer, and another in memory of Morris Walsky.

The dedication of the synagogue will take place some time between October 15 and 20, and prominent speakers from this country and abroad will be in attendance.

## At Above Sholem Synagogue.

Cantor Liebowitz officiated at the services at Above Sholem Synagogue last night and will chant the services to-day. Rabbi Dr. Silverstone will deliver the sermon this morning.

An interesting ceremony which will take place at Above Sholem this morning at 11 o'clock will be the circumcision of a baby boy of Mr. Hillman, 709 Ninth street. The ceremony will be performed by Dr. M. Becker, the recording secretary of the congregation.

The Day of Atonement, or the "Fearful Day," as it is known among orthodox Jews, is spent in fasting, praying, and doing penance. The feast was instituted subsequent to the three great Jewish festivals, which have come down from the period of Exodus. The occasion is limited to one day, and was observed for a time after the autumn harvest and before the celebration of the Feast of Booths, which falls on next Sunday.

For the Sukkoth, or Feast of Booths, next Sunday, booths will be erected in the various synagogues and temples, adorned with vegetables and fruits of the season. Afterward the articles used for decoration will be distributed among the poor. The booth at the Eighth Street Temple will be erected under the direction of the Ladies' Auxiliary Society.

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